

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 210

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lillian Upchurch of
Prescott South Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, such individuals are the backbone of our communities, and by giving their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving and true volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that it will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Upchurch, the nine-year-old daughter of Oscar and Jessica Upchurch, is one such exemplary person, having created a program at her school to make sure that every student has a happy birthday; and

WHEREAS, during the Christmas season, Miss Upchurch learned of a fellow student at Prescott South Elementary School who would only be receiving a small amount of presents that year due to their family's financial difficulties; and

WHEREAS, inspired to help those who are less fortunate, this determined fourth grader created the Birthday Box, an ensemble of sodas, party invitations, cups, plates, presents, streamers, and anything else needed to coordinate the perfect birthday party; and

WHEREAS, each month, the counselors at Lillian's school pick two families that they know are having hard financial times; the counselors coordinate with Cookeville's Life Church and Random Acts of Kindness to gather all the items needed to create a Birthday Box, which is then delivered to the chosen family; and

WHEREAS, because of Lillian Upchurch's efforts, numerous children at Prescott South Elementary are able to have the happy birthday that every young one deserves; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional young lady who enjoys volleyball and participates in 4-H and the gifted program at her school, Lillian Upchurch is the granddaughter of Butch and Cheryl Hodgkins and Carl and Rita Sparks; and

WHEREAS, Miss Upchurch is a model citizen, and her commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lillian Upchurch of Prescott South Elementary School on her uplifting effort to bring joy and happiness to her classmates and her community, and we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.